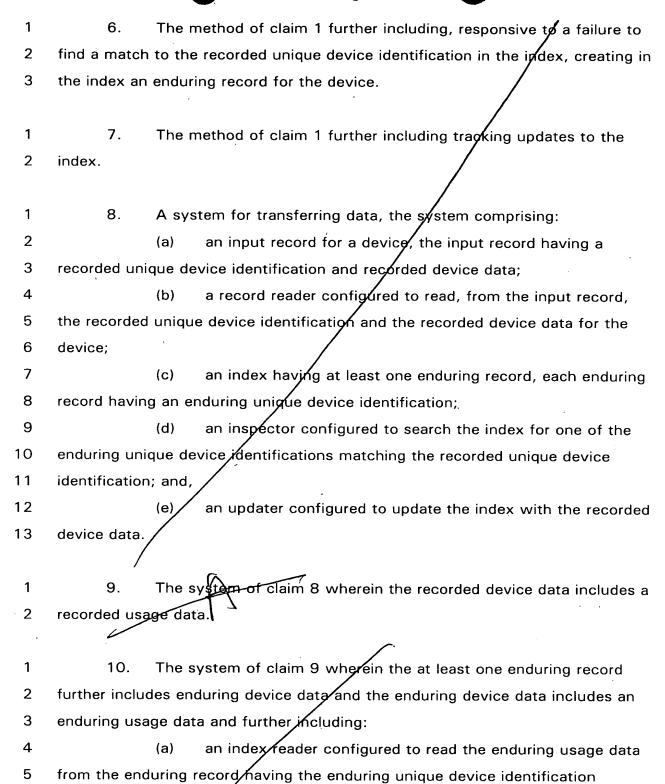
## **CLAIMS**

What is claimed is:

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1	5 A 1.	A method for transferring data, the method comprising:
2		(a) reading, from an input record, a recorded unique device
ż	identification	and recorded device data for a device;
4		(b) searching an index for an enduring unique device
5	identification	matching the recorded unique device identification; and,
6		(c) updating the index with the recorded device data.
1	2.	The method of claim 1 wherein the recorded device data includes
2	recorded usa	ge-data. V
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1	3.	The method of claim 2 further including:
2		(a) reading an enduring usage data from an enduring record in
3	the index having enduring unique device dentification matching the recorded	
4	unique devic	e identification; and,
5		(b) calculating a difference in usage data from the enduring
6	usage data a	nd the recorded usage data.
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1	4	The method of claim 1 wherein updating the index with the
2	recorded dev	ice data includes replacing enduring device data from the index
3	with the reco	orded device data.
1	5	The method of claim 1 wherein updating the index with the
2	recorded dev	ice data includes updating enduring device data from an enduring
3	record in the	index having enduring unique device identification matching the
4	recorded uni	que device identification.

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matching the recorded unique device identification; and,

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7	(b) a calculator configured to calculate a difference in usage
8	data from the enduring usage data and the recorded usage data.
1	The system of claim 8 wherein the updater includes a recorder
2	configured to replace enduring device data from the index with the recorded
3 ,	device data.
1	The system of claim 8 wherein the at least one enduring record
2	further includes enduring device data and the updater is further configured to
3	update the enduring device data from the enduring record having the enduring
4	unique device identification matching the recorded unique device identification.
1	13. The system of claim 8 further including an inserter configured to
2	respond to a failure to find a match to the recorded unique device identification
3	in the index by creating, in the index, an enduring record for the device.
1	14. The system of claim 8 further including a transaction log
2	configured to track updates to the index.
1	15. A program storage device readable by a computer, tangibly
2	embodying a program, applet, or instructions executable by the computer to
3	perform method steps for transferring data, the method steps comprising:
4	(a) reading, from an input récord, a recorded unique device
5	identification and recorded device data for a device;
6	(b) searching an index for an enduring unique device

identification matching the recorded unique device identification; and,

updating the index with the recorded device data.

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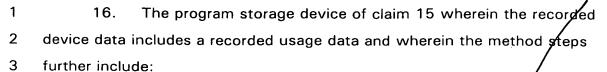
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- (a) reading an enduring usage data from an enduring record in the index having enduring unique device identification matching the recorded unique device identification; and,
- 7 (b) calculating a difference in usage data from the enduring 8 usage data and the recorded usage data.
- 1 17. The program storage device of claim 15 wherein the method step 2 of updating the index with the recorded device data includes replacing enduring 3 device data from the index with the recorded device data.
  - 18. The program storage device of claim 15 wherein the method step of updating the index with the recorded device data includes updating enduring device data from an enduring record in the index having enduring unique device identification matching the recorded unique device identification.
- 1 19. The program storage device of claim 15 wherein the method steps
  2 further include, responsive to a failure to find a match to the recorded unique
  3 device identification in the index, creating in the index an enduring record for the
  4 device.
- 1 20. The program storage device of claim 15 wherein the method steps 2 further include tracking updates to the index.